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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/685,803	Applicant(s) ZILBERMAN, URI L.	
	Examiner Melba Bumgarner	Art Unit 3732	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Simor (3,585,723). Simor discloses a dental crown 10 formed of a thermoplastic polymer material (column 3 line 71) comprising a tooth shaped top surface 11 and depending flexible side surfaces continuous structure of depending flexible side surfaces 16 extending continuously around edges of the top surface and extending continuously from a tooth shaped top surface end of the dental crown to an end opposite the end of the dental crown, at least a part the depending side surfaces having an inwardly directed bottom portion (figures 2,13,16). Patentable weight is not given to the process and intermediate products used in the process by which the dental crown is made, because a product claim is properly met if the final product is shown regardless of the process used.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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4. Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Simor in view of Karmaker et al. (6,186,790). Simor discloses a dental crown that shows the limitations as described above; however, does not show the specific polymer(s) of the crown as claimed. Karmaker et al. teach a dental crown formed of a variety of thermoplastic polymer material including polycarbonate, polysulfone, polyacetal, polyacrylate and polymethacrylate. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a polymer of Karmaker et al. in the crown of Simor, because Karmaker et al. teach the material was known as art-recognized equivalent material at the time the invention was made in forming dental components including crowns. Furthermore, a specific polymer material is not disclosed as critical to the claimed invention. Karmaker et al. show the polymer material comprising fibers. Karmaker et al. also show dental crown formed of a variety of processes including injection molding, compression molding and machining.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to the rejected claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

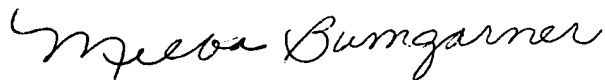
Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melba Bumgarner whose telephone number is 571-272-4709. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached at 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Melba Bumgarner".

Melba Bumgarner
Primary Examiner